**PG and Research in Dental Science in AIIMS**

967. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a post graduate education and research in Dental Sciences was to be established in AIIMS during Sixth Five Year Plan (1980—85) but the same has not been established till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by what time, the same will be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Academic Committee of the institute had initially approved the setting up of a Centre for Postgraduate Education and Research in Dental Science in 1979 to be established during the Sixth Five Year Plan. But the same did not materialize. The Expenditure Finance Committee approved the proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.21 crores on 11.10.2001. However, due to change in the scope of work, the proposal had to be revised. EFC approved the revised proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.42 crores. The matter is in the final stage of tender finalisation. The project is expected to be completed within one year of award of the contract.

**Eradication of Tetanus among new born**

968. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the deadline set up to eradicate tetanus among the new born;

(b) State-wise number of children not immunised in spite of campaigns during the last one year; and

(c) the action proposed to analyse the cost of failure in persuading the district authorities to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The goal of elimination neo-natal tetanus (NNT) has been set to be achieved by the year 2009.